



Parish Week / Sunday, 4 July 2021

Saturday, 3 July / St. Thomas, apostle

■ **Fr. Elias Chachati:** Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood (1983)

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Fr. Elias Chachati
38th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination (friend)
- 10.00 am RCIC Youth Catechism
- 11.00 am Memorial Mass Joselito Padua
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas
(Vethanayagi Rayappan & family)
- 7.00 pm Wedding: Raymond Rashid – Toschica De Abreu

SUNDAY, 4 JULY / 14-B

■ **Homilist:** Deacon Ramon Villardo

■ **Parish Patronal Feast Devotions**

- 9.00 am Mass: † Fernandes family (Lemos family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto & Lydia Rodas (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Preetham Bobji (Preethi Benedict)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday 5 July / St. Anthony Zaccaria, priest

- 8.00 am Mass: † Salvador Resolado
(Fr. Saldie Resolado O.S.A.)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † George & Marguerite Chachati (friend)
- 7.40 pm Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent meeting

Tuesday, 6 July / St. Maria Goretti, virgin & martyr

■ **Parish Feast Day**

- 8.00 am Mass: † Genoveva Sousa (Ondine)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Wednesday, 7 July

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Birthday Julie Noora (Gina Arroyo)

Thursday, 8 July

- 8.00 am Mass: † Ritchell Sanches (Joel & Jennifer)

Fri., 9 July / St. Augustine Zhao Rong, priest & Companions, martyrs

- 8.00 am Mass: † Lydia Marquez (family)

Saturday, 10 July

- 8.00 am Mass: † Souls in Purgatory (Audrey Caza)
- 2.00 pm Saturday Class Confirmation Mass
- 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving (Lorraine Seneviratne)

SUNDAY, 11 JULY / 15-B

■ **Homilist:** Fr. Edwin Galea

■ **2nd Collection:** ShareLife Freewill

- 9.00 am Mass: † Swarna Amereskere (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Mathalada D'Souza (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Michael D'Mello (Esme)
- 1.30 pm Infant Baptisms
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B Ezekiel 2.3-5; 2 Corinthians 12.7-10; Mark 6.1-6

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Fr. Benoit T. Jobin

Corazon Medrano

Alleykutty Muppathiyil

Maria Ramones Ong

Delicia Rajapakse

Herminio & Donald Reyes

Ramualda Saquilan

The **8** victims of the **avalanche**
in **Uttarakhand State, India**



For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

John 3.16

R & R Report 11 July

The next R&R report will be made at all Masses on 10/11 July, detailing the work on the most recent Church repairs.

11 July: **ShareLife** Appeal, Freewill Offering

On 11 July, the 2nd collection will be the *Freewill* Offering for our annual *ShareLife Appeal*, supporting over 40 Catholic agencies and 10 grant recipients that respect the sanctity of all human life.

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| 17 July | 25 th Wedding Anniversary Mass Datinginoo (1:00 pm) |
| 25 July | - 2 nd Collection: Maintenanc;
Bundle Up Sunday |
| 2 Aug. | Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm) |
| 8 Aug. | Infant Baptism (1.30 pm) |
| 5 Aug | Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major;
- Fr. Elias Chachati , Anniversary of birth (1955) |
| 6 Aug. | Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord |
| 15 Aug. | Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary;
- 2 nd Collection: Canadian Missions |
| 21 Aug. | Wedding: John Aloanilla – Gayle Baylon (1:00 pm) |
| 28 Aug. | Wedding: Raphael Santiago – Mary Parayna (1:00 pm) |
| 29 Aug. | 2 nd Collection: Maintenance |

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During the current pandemic zone management, we are celebrating our Masses according to the usual schedule. There is a 15% capacity limit on attendance, and all must wear a face mask.

ShareLife 2021

Living the Gospel
by giving to **ShareLife**
and its Agencies

Your gift to *ShareLife* helps!



Thank you for supporting our parish's *ShareLife* campaign. Last week was the second collection in our Parish. Thanks to you, our generous donors, our parish has raised \$ 16,760.00 toward our goal of \$ 41,000.00.

When you support *ShareLife*, you help clients at more than 40 agencies that respect the sanctity of all human life.

Please make your sacrificial gift to our *ShareLife* campaign through the parish office, on our website, or at sharelife.org. Please give generously.

3 October 2021, is our next *ShareLife* Appeal. Thank you for supporting *ShareLife*!

RCIA, RCIC

Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children



The RCIA meets regularly on Friday evenings at 7.30 pm, and the RCIC meets periodically on Saturday mornings; their next meeting is on 3 July.

Do you cherish the **Bible**? Would you like to help spread the *Good News* to new Catholics, and let them know how powerful the Bible is? The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* invites parishioners to serve as **Bible Sponsors** for the candidates. For more information on how you can help, call: **Fr. Edwin**, 416-261-0076.

A Special Gift ANN & PHILLIP Wedding

Many thanks to **Anne and Phillip**, for the gift of the lovely flowers brought to the Church for their Wedding on 4 June.

Stewards of the Church

As Stewards of God's gifts we cooperate with God in our own redemption and in the redemption of others. The New Covenant in and through Christ forms a community – the Body of Christ. The Unity of this people is itself a precious good to be cherished, preserved and built up by the lovers of love. We are obliged to be Stewards of the Church – to be collaborators and cooperators in continuing the redemptive work of Jesus Christ – which is the mission of the Church.

Parish Memorials

A lasting legacy: Remember **St. Maria Goretti Church** in your will. Such a gift would enable you to express your affection for your Parish in a tangible way. By leaving a bequest, you help to ensure the vitality of our ministries and the work we do for God's Kingdom in the name of Jesus.

Our *legal title* is: "**St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, Scarborough, Ontario.**" Correspondence is addressed to the *Pastor*, 717 Kennedy Road, Scarborough, Ontario M1K 2C1.

1st Communion, Confirmation

Many thanks to all who participated in the recent celebrations of the Sacraments of 1st HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION, vital events in the lives of our Youth.

Students *currently in Grade 2 and 7*, who should have received their Sacraments this past Easter Season, will be provided their appropriate Liturgies after School resumes in September.

The Saturday Class will receive Confirmation in **July**:

10 2.00 pm Saturday Class
Confirmation Mass

Upcoming Weddings

Raymond Rashid and Toschica De Abreu

3 July 2021, St. Maria Goretti Church

Ian Hojas and Michelle Lopez

16 July 2021, St. Barnabas Church

Shane Bagwandin and Koshigaine Baskaran

24 July 2021, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Markham

Kethujan Matt and Nicole Travas

7 August 2021, Prince of Peace Church

Mayurin Ahilan and Brenda Vethanayagam

21 August 2021, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Raphael Santiago and Mary Parayna

28 August 2021, St. Maria Goretti Church

Victor Bevilacqua and Sara Keats

6 November 2021, St. Maria Goretti Church

Robert Enrich Valiant Dippolito and Kayzie Enrique

4 December 2021, St. Thomas More Church

Alex Kissel and Shannon O'Toole

2021, Holy Family Church, Whitby

Jeevakan Kulendiralinjaran and Jenna Singarayer

2021, Caledon

Matthew Caporiccio and Casandra D'Alonzo

24 September 2022, St. Clare of Assisi Church, Woodbridge



Saint Maria Goretti

Prayer

O Saint Maria Goretti, who, strengthened by God's grace, did not hesitate, even at the age of twelve, to shed your blood and sacrifice life to defend your virginal purity, deign to look graciously on the unhappy human race, which has strayed far from the path of eternal salvation.

Teach us all, and especially modern youth, with what courage and haste we should flee anything that could offend Jesus and defile our souls with sin. Obtain for us from God great horror of sin so that, keeping our souls undefiled, we may live holy lives on earth and win eternal glory in heaven. Amen.



St. Maria Goretti was born to a poor peasant family on 16 October 1890 in Corinaldo, a town near Ancona, Italy. Maria was the third of seven children of Luigi and Assunta Goretti.

When she was seven years old, the Goretti family moved to Ferriere di Conca, a village near Anzio, where they shared a home with Giovanni Serenelli and his son Alessandro. Maria was nine years old when her father died of malaria. While her mother worked the farm Maria took care of her siblings and also cooked for the Serenellis.

Maria was known for her unusual serious-mindedness and piety. Every night she would recite the Holy Rosary for the repose of her father's soul. As Ferriere had no parish church, nor a priest, Maria would walk for kilometers for the privilege of hearing Mass.

At the time it was not customary to receive First Holy Communion before the age of twelve, but Maria, extremely devout and religious, pleaded with her mother to let her take instructions when Maria was not quite eleven years of age. Every day, Maria walked to the village of Mazzoleni, where she received catechetical instructions. During this time Maria intensified her piety, obedience to her mother and love for her siblings. She was busy preparing her soul to receive Jesus. On Thursday, 29 May 1902, the feast of Corpus Christi, she received her Lord for the first time. Maria would receive the Body of Christ only 4 more times before she died.

Being a beautiful child, Maria attracted the attention of 20-year-old Alessandro. It was 5 July 1902 when Alessandro tried to force his attention on her. He was furious over her refusal to commit an act of impurity and when Maria resisted him with all her strength, crying out repeatedly, "It is a sin. God forbids it," he drew a knife and stabbed her fourteen times.

At about 6 o'clock in the evening her weakened body was put on a stretcher and put in a horse-drawn ambulance which took her to the hospital at Nettuno. Doctors worked feverishly to save her life. No anesthetic was administered because the attendants feared peritonitis. Despite the intense pain, she uttered not a sound, till she finally lost consciousness. In the morning of 6 July 1902, Maria received Holy Communion for the last time, and openly forgave Alessandro, her murderer. Then Maria died.

Alessandro was captured soon after Maria's death. Originally, he was going to be sentenced to death, but since he was a minor at that time the sentence was commuted to 30 years in prison. He remained unrepentant and incommunicative to the world. In his 8th year of imprisonment he had a vision of Maria. He saw a garden, where a young girl dressed in white was gathering lilies. She smiled, came near him and invited him to accept an armful of lilies. As he accepted them, each lily transformed into a still white flame. Maria then disappeared.

A local bishop, Monsignor Giovanni Blandini, visited Alessandro in jail. He wrote a thank you note to the Bishop, asking for his prayers and telling him about his dream. Alessandro's conversion was complete. When he was released from prison after serving 27 years, his first act was to travel to Maria's mother, Assunta, to beg her forgiveness. She forgave him, saying that if Maria had forgiven him on her deathbed then she could not do less, and they attended Mass together the next day, receiving Holy Communion side by side. Alessandro reportedly prayed every day to Maria Goretti, referring to her as "my little saint."

Alessandro later became a Capuchin lay brother, living in a convent and working as its receptionist and gardener, until dying peacefully in 1970.

On 27 April 1947, His Holiness, Pope Pius XII beatified Maria, and on 24 June 1950, the same Pope solemnly canonized her and proclaimed Saint Maria Goretti the new patroness of Catholic Youth. This ceremony was attended by 250,000 faithful, including her mother (the first mother to see her child canonized) and her brothers and sisters. St. Maria Goretti has also been a principal patron of the World Youth Day celebrations, begun by Saint Pope John Paul II, and held around the world.

The Canadian Delegation to the Holy See, December

Following the announcement on 10 June 2021 about the **Delegation of Indigenous People to meet with the Holy Father** to foster meaningful encounters of dialogue and healing, the **Catholic Bishops of Canada** are pleased to announce that the delegation is scheduled to take place from 17-20 December 2021 in compliance with global travel restrictions.

Pope Francis is deeply committed to hearing directly from Indigenous Peoples, expressing his heartfelt closeness, addressing the impact of colonization and the role of the Church in the residential school system, in the hopes of responding to the suffering of Indigenous Peoples and the ongoing effects of intergenerational trauma.

The Bishops of Canada are deeply appreciative of the Holy Father's spirit of openness in generously extending an invitation for personal encounters with each of the three distinct groups of delegates:

First Nations

Métis

Inuit

There will also be a final audience with all delegates together on 20 December 2021.

This pastoral visit will include the participation of a diverse group of Elders / Knowledge Keepers, residential school survivors and youth from across the country, accompanied by a small group of Bishops and Indigenous leaders.

Planning for the delegation continues; further details will be announced when they are available.

The Bishops of Canada reaffirm their sincere hope that these forthcoming encounters will lead to a shared future of peace and harmony between Indigenous Peoples and the Catholic Church in Canada.

This Intention will be included in the Prayer of the Faithful throughout the month of July:

✠ For the children who died in residential schools throughout Canada and for all those impacted by this tragedy, that there may be healing founded on truth and that the Spirit will inspire our ongoing commitment to reconciliation.
For this, we pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.



Pope John Paul II and the Indigenous

In 1984, **St. Pope John Paul II** became the first Pope to set foot on Canadian soil, when the papal aircraft landed at the airport in Quebec City. The Pope was on his 24th pilgrimage (after that he went on over 100 more). During his 12-day cross-Canada visit, great crowds flocked to him.

With his arrival on 9 September in the Quebec City suburb of Ste. Foy, the Holy Father began a 15,000-kilometre marathon that took him from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Sadly, his trip to Fort Simpson in the Northwest Territories was cancelled due to severe weather. He promised to return.

Millions of Canadians, including many Indigenous people, turned out to greet the Pope, pray with him and to celebrate, and many of them deeply moved by his words and presence. A good example of this was on 11 September 1984, where tens of thousands of young people crowded Montreal's Olympic Stadium to see and hear the Holy Father.

Speaking in English and in French, the Holy Father made more than 30 major addresses as well as many other statements, some directed to **Indigenous Peoples**. He spoke of themes which he has strongly supported throughout his 26-year pontificate: solidarity, justice, peace, the place of youth, the respect of Indigenous cultures, Jesus Christ as a beacon of hope, and many more.

Since 1984, Pope John Paul II returned to Canada twice. In September 1987, he kept his promised and visited Fort Simpson in the Northwest Territories. In 2002 he met with young people from around the world at World Youth Day 2002, in Toronto.







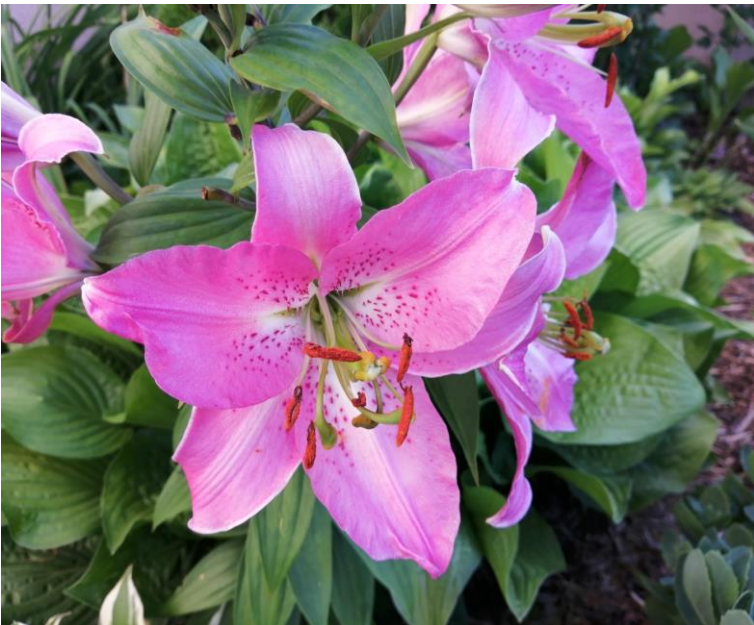
The *Rehearsal*: John Dave Magdirila and Ahziel Tabanes prepare for their Marriage on 30 June.



The family of Corazon Medrano gather to offer the Memorial Prayers following her death.



David Pastrnak's boy's feet. David, a Boston Bruin, lost his baby boy at the age of 6 days.





May Noronha lies at peace in her casket in our Vestibule, prior to her funeral Mass on 24 June.



Fr. Michael D’Cruz, along with family members and musician Gavin Moniz, stands with a photo of Mary Noronha after celebrating her funeral Mass/